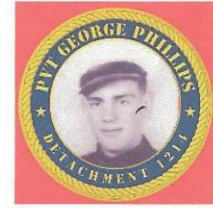


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ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE

All annual dues expire on August 31st of each year. Our membership dues are \$40.00 a year and are due prior to George Phillips Detachment" and send to the Detachment address.

This newsletter and previous issues can be obtained from the **new Detachment Website. <http://www.pvtgeophillips.org/>**

Please contact the Editor to receive future issues electronically.

As a suggestion, anyone wishing to provide material *should try* to have it to the editor no later than the *fourth Friday* of previous month. (This doesn't mean don't submit anything at all if you need more time, instead please contact the editor.) If sent via email, please note that newsletter submission should appear the subject line.



Next Meeting August 20, 2024



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Commandant's Corner

ATTENTION ON DECK



To all members and associate members of our Private George Phillips detachment 1214 of the Marine Corps League: I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as your Commandant. Our August meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 19:30 hours. I look forward to seeing all of you at that time; masks are optional.

I would like to thank all who were able to attend our Private George Phillips birthday celebration. We had a good turn-out. I would also like to thank the Vietnam Veterans of America for serving as our Honor Guard. The family really enjoyed the service and the weather cooperated.

Also, we will be having guest speakers at the following meetings:

August	Laura from Fisher House.
September	Sheila from Kaufman Fund
October	Pam from Champ Assistance Dogs

More information will be forthcoming so mark your calendars..

Semper Fi Marines.....

Brad McNeil, Commandant
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Members: Don't forget the date, Sunday, September 8, 2024 12:00 Noon to 8 pm, or as we say in the Marine Corps: 1200 to 2000.

Detachment Picnic. Simpson Park in Valley Park Fishing and boat rentals available, Theme is Fiesta Time. (That should make you think of the Halls of Montezuma). Food and drinks provided along with a pinata for kids.

For more information contact Joe Gentile, Jr Vice Commandant to RSVP and for questions.

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Chaplain's Message With our recent commemoration of the birthday of our namesake Medal of Honor hero, Pvt George Phillips, I became intrigued with knowing what day of the week he was born. Using Safari on my cell phone I learned that his birthday July 14, 1926 took place on Wednesday. Then I checked the July and August birthdays of detachment members and discovered that Harry Hope was born on Wednesday. Incidentally, I already knew that I and my sister Donna Murdock, a former Auxiliary member, were also born on Wednesday. For me that's one more coincidence I share with Pvt George Phillips. The other being my graduation picture from Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance School, when I was only one year older than George was the anniversary of the day he fell on the grenade and saved his comrades. For him March 14, 1945, For me, March 14, 1969.

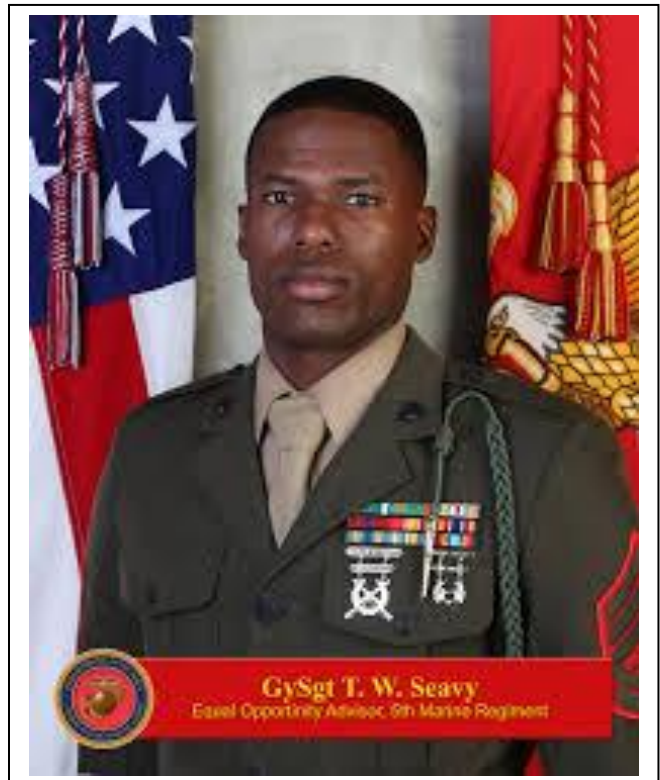
So, on what days of the week did the other August and July birthdays occur? Kenneth Hale (August) on Sunday, John Koch (July) Monday, George Casey and Patricia Powell (both July) Tuesday. I already said Harry Hope (July) Wednesday, deceased member Frank Kekeisen (August), deceased member Lou Mataya (July) and Leslie Moss (July), Ron Sansone (July) Thursday, Dennis Simpson (August) Friday, and finally Tom Welker (July) Saturday.

Regardless of what day you were born, maintaining a close relationship with the Lord makes it a happy day. The Psalmist said, this is the day that Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 So every day you know Jesus as your personal savior, it's a good day, it's an eternal day, it's a salvation day. If you don't know Jesus as your personal savior, you can always accept him right now. As it says in Revelation, in which Jesus is speaking, "Behold I stand at the door and if anyone hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in

and sup with him That means to hang out with you and eat dinner. And if the Holy Spirit brings any sins to mind, confess them to Jesus and accept his free gift of salvation. . .

Semper Fi. Carl Ramsey, detachment chaplain.

A question from Gregg Follmer as to which side of the uniform does a member of the 5th Marine Regiment hang his braid,(see picture below) inspired me to reprint his Members Matters article from July 2022 on the next page



Devil Dog Want Adds

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8 YEARS OLD, HATEFUL LITTLE DOG

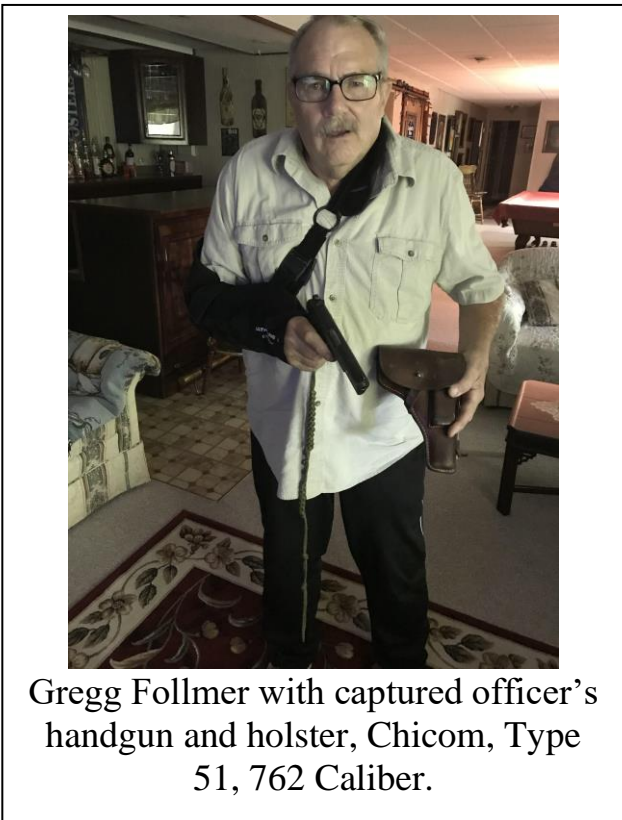
FREE PUPPIES
½ COCKER SPANIEL
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FREE PUPPIES . . .PART GERMAN
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GERMAN SHEPHER 85 POUNDS.
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FOUND: DIRTY WHITE DOG
LOOKS LIKE A RAT . . .BEEN OUT AHILE
BETTER BE A REWARD

Members Matters: Gregg Follmer: As told to Carl Ramsey Reprint



Gregg Follmer was born Oct 11, 1949 (one day before Carl Ramsey, newsletter editor). He graduated from Bishop Dubourg High School in 1968 and joined the Marine Corps, in December, 1968; but he didn't leave for Boot Camp, until March, 1969. In his ITR (Infantry Training Regiment) picture, he appears in Row 3 from top, person 7 from right. An 0311 rifleman, he served in Vietnam from August, 1969, to August, 1970, as part Fox Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, First Marine Division.

On one occasion, as reported in an attached newspaper article, his company encountered enemy soldiers floating in a river on their backs breathing through bamboo tubes. They opened up and eliminated them. Meantime Gregg captured an enemy officer, along with his handgun and holster, which he received authorization, along with a carbine to be shipped home with export licenses as war

souvenirs, via airfreight. (See pictures.) He told me one of his captured weapons originally had a dead round in the chamber.

When he came home, he got an early out. He worked at a Sinclair Full-Service Gas Station for six years, Rentco for eleven years where he leased tractor trailers. Then he spent 27 years driving trucks.

In addition to the Marine Corps League, he's a member of the Vietnam Veterans group, and he's a master railroad model builder as indicated by his pictures.

As also indicated by his pictures, he recently suffered a shoulder injury, which has temporarily limited his veteran's activity.

He and his wife live in a sub-division near a very hard to reach location where the Meramec River flows into Mississippi. He told me the confluence of those rivers, that I have always wanted to visit, is unreachable except by boat because the location is occupied by a power station.





Gregg Follmer, row 3 from top, person 7 from right.



Gregg Follmer, row 3 from top, person 7 from right.

Supplement by Dennis Simpson, Adjutant and Paymaster: Gregg Follmer graduated from Bishop Dubourg High School seven years before me. His name, as is mine, is enshrined on the Bishop Dubourg Veterans Wall in the school. Bishop Dubourg High School is one school in Saint Louis that honors its Veterans alumni.

Enemy Gets Taste Of 'Fox Co.'s' Fury

By Cpl. Hank Berkowitz

AN HOA — Twenty NVA and VC soldiers were killed and 29 captured in a two-hour firefight, after Leathernecks of Company F, 2d Bn., 5th Marines, trapped them on a peninsula in the Vua Gia River.

Sweeping along the southern bank of the river five miles northwest of An Hoa Combat Base, the 1st Plt. spotted an enemy soldier hiding in dense grass on a small peninsula.

Staff Sergeant Edward B. Bryer, (Jacksonville, N.C.), 1st Plt. commander, described the action that followed.

"The point man opened up on the enemy, but he ran farther onto the peninsula. I sent a squad after him, and they came back under heavy automatic weapons fire and a grenade attack. We couldn't see any of the action because of the high river grass, but I sent in another squad to reinforce them. Captain Furr sent another platoon around the far end of the peninsula to block any escape and, as soon as they were in position, we started sweeping through," he explained.

Leathernecks swept through the thick grass, capturing some enemy soldiers who had hidden in dense brush, and pulling others from the water where they had hidden. Ten of them tried to escape by rushing the blocking force that had swept around to the end of the peninsula. They were pushed back. Three others tried to swim the river and, when they didn't halt after the Marines had called for them to surrender, they were killed by small arms fire. Finally after 20

of them had been killed, what was left of the enemy platoon surrendered.

"After the battle was over," explained Fryer, "we started checking the prisoners out. We found one NVA engineer, who said he was there to set booby traps, and my boys just glared at him, thinking about the buddies they had lost, probably to the same booby traps this man had set. We also found a couple of officers among the prisoners with their notebooks and documents still intact."

The Leathernecks also captured one 9mm pistol, one AK-47 assault rifle, more than 20 packs loaded with food, medical supplies, clothing and documents and more than 40 chi-com grenades.

"What really made the men angry was that we only captured a few of their rifles because they were throwing them into the river before being taken prisoner," stated Capt. Furr. "The rain-swollen river was too deep and swift to risk sending men in after them, so we called in for Reconnaissance scuba divers to come out the next day."

"I can't understand why their commander had them in such a ridiculous position with no avenues of escape, but it was a sweet victory for the Marines. All together we accounted for 49 NVA and VC and only three of our men received minor wounds from grenade shrapnel.

"We had been humping for three days through rain-soaked rice paddies and the men were looking for action, but we never expected to find this much," he concluded.

August 2024

- 10 – Camp Lejeune Claim Deadline
(See Brochure July newsletter)
- 14 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 20 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

September 2024

- 8 – Detachment Picnic – 1200 -2000
Simpson Park in Valley Park
- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208
- 27 – Pat McCormick Golf tournament
See Brochure Last Page

October 2024

- 9 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 15 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

November 2024

- 13 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 19 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

December 2024

- 11 – Staff Meeting – 1900 Post #208
- 17 – Membership Meeting – 1930 Post #208

From the Paymaster

Annual dues notices will be going out in July. All annual dues memberships expire on August 30th. If you are an annual dues member, please save your Detachment a stamp and submit your \$40.00 Detachment membership dues for 2025.

Checks/money orders should be made payable to the Pvt. George Phillips Detachment and mailed to:

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Ballwin, MO 63022

If you are interested in a life membership, submit the appropriate age category life membership amount to same address. Once a life member you will pay no additional membership fees. Semper Fi.

Life Membership rates

Age

0 – 35:	\$1,000
36 – 50:	\$ 800.00
51 – 64:	\$ 600.00
65 – 84:	\$ 400.00
85+	\$ 100.00

August Birthday Scroll

***Michael Cicchese,
Kenneth Hale,
Dennis Simpson***

July Members Meeting



Larry Schwartz



Jack Bickerton



Harry Hope and Mike Cicchese



Hugh Smith



Dennis Simpson



Jerry Gerling



Jason Lehr



John Cooper 2023 Marine of the Year



John Cooper with Brad McNeil

Pvt George Phillips Commemoration at Labadie Missouri on July 29, 2024



Brad McNeil sprinkles the sand of Iwo Jima



Pvt George Phillips family Members





Marine Corps League Awards

Order of Precedence



MCL Hero Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Gold Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Silver Medal



MCL Distinguished
Citizen — Bronze Medal



MCL Distinguished
Service — Bronze Medal



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — National



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — National



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Division



MCL Associate Member of the
Year Ribbon — Division



MCL Marine of the Year
Ribbon — Department



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MCL Marine of the Year Ribbon
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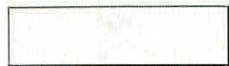
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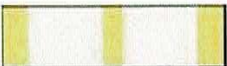
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MCL National Recruiter —
Bronze Medal



MCL Past National
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MCL National Staff
Elected Medal



MCL National Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Past Department
Commandant Medal



MCL Department Staff
Elected Medal



MCL Department Staff
Appointed Medal



MCL Department Recruiter —
Silver Medal



MCL Past Detachment
Commandant Medal



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MCL Detachment Staff
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MCL Detachment Recruiter —
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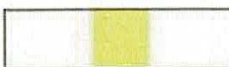
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(Victor T. Fisher Award)



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Commendation Ribbon



MCL Department
Meritorious Commendation
Ribbon



MCL Individual Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MCL Ceremonial Guard Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Rifle Ribbon



MCL Marksmanship
Pistol Ribbon



MODD Kennel Dog of the
Year Medal



MODD Chief Devil Dog
Meritorious Commendation
Ribbon



MODD Pack Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pack Leader Meritorious
Commendation Ribbon



MODD Pound Dog of the Year
Medal



MODD Pound Keeper
Individual Meritorious
Achievement Ribbon



MODD Past Chief Devil Dog
Medal



MODD Past Pack Leader Medal



MODD Past Pound Leader
Medal



MCL Membership Medal



MCL 100th Anniversary
Ribbon
(gold frame for convention attendees)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Silver Medal
(elected / appointed)



MCL 75th National Convention
— Bronze Medal
(attendee)



MCL 50th National Convention
— Silver Medal
(elected / appointed)



MCL 50th National Convention
— Bronze Medal
(attendee)



20th Annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament

***** Friday September 27, 2024 *****

07:30 am Registration

08:00 am Shotgun Start – 4 Person Scramble

Entry Fee - \$125.00 per player

All Tournament Applications & Payments must be submitted to
Frank Remsik – Tournament Organizer before Friday September 13, 2024

TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

Paradise Valley Golf & Country Club

1005 Lochmoor Dr.
High Ridge, Mo 63049
(636) 225-5157 — parvalgolf@aol.com

INCLUDES:

- Green Fees & Cart
- Beverages & Hot Dogs on Course
 - Prizes for A, B & C Flights
 - Prize for longest drive
- Prize for Closest to Pin: 2, 12, 17
- Awards and Meal (cash bar) @
Paradise Valley Golf Club House

Option:

- Meal only \$24.00

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